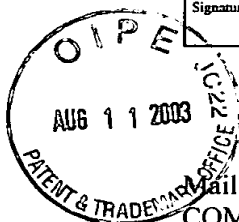


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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gutwein, et al. Confirmation No. 1024

Serial No.: 09/638,704 ✓ Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: August 14, 2000 Examiner: A.J. Weier

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS UTILIZING DELAYED DILUTION, MIXING AND  
FILTRATION FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED BEVERAGES ON DEMAND

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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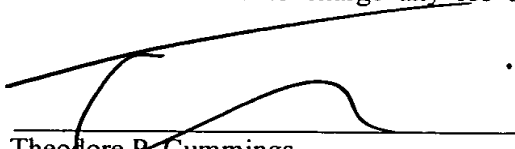
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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 (Paper No. 14) please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.